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Nominations Sought for the 2015 Vermont Teacher of the Year

MONTPELIER - Nominations are now open for the 2015 Vermont Teacher of the Year program.

For the first time since the Vermont Teacher of the Year program launched in 1964, the public is being invited to join Vermont educators in going online to directly nominate teachers for the prestigious statewide distinction; the winner serves as an advocate for Vermont's teachers, students, and education system.

Nominations can be completed through March 28 at: http://svy.mk/1eWpKG4. To encourage more submissions, the process has been simplified to require only the most basic information about the nominator, the nominee, and their school, as well as a short overview of what makes the nominee an extraordinary teacher.

"As Vermont's Teacher of the Year, I recognize the incredible privilege that I have in representing our state and all of the great teachers within it," said Luke Foley, 2014 Vermont Teacher of the Year. "I appreciate the opportunity to meet and connect with teachers from around the state and nation in order to engage in thoughtful conversations about the future of education. Through this process, I am finding that there are countless ways that I can advocate for the teaching profession by working to inform the public about all of the great work that we are doing in Vermont schools."

To be considered for the Vermont Teacher of the Year program, a teacher must hold a current Vermont teaching license, with a minimum of five years teaching experience, and be employed by a Vermont public, private, or approved independent school.

Vermont's current Teacher of the Year is Luke Foley, an Alternative Program teacher at Northfield Middle High School.

For more information about the Vermont Teacher of the Year program, visit http://education.vermont.gov/department/awards/teacher-of-the-year.

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